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WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH RUSSIANS?

Policy of the Board of Immigration Has Been Decided Upon.

PERELSTROUS WILL BE HERE

They Can Go Home Free, if They Don't Like Conditions Here.

The board of immigration and the board of health have decided upon their program in connection with the 600 Russians to be released from Quarantine Island in a day or two. Perelstros is due here next Friday with 216 more Russians—the last that will come here unless those already here show a disposition to work—and immediately upon his arrival an investigation will begin, with a view to finding out whether there is anything in claims which have been made as to liberal promises made to the Russians by Atkinson and Perelstros.

"When the Russians are released from quarantine," said Chairman Ivers of the board of immigration, "they will be told by the health authorities, as I understand, that being now free from disease, they are at liberty to go where they want."

"They will be told by the board of immigration also that they are free to go where they want. They will be told further that temporarily the board of immigration will support them, while they seek employment if they want it. They will be told that this support will last until the next steamer—a few days after the first of April—leaves for the Orient. By that time, if they have not secured employment, those who wish to go back home will be supplied with transportation by the board. This is what the board will have to say to the Russians when their period of quarantine is over. It is up to them to get employment, in Honolulu, or on plantations, or wherever they may be able to get it. The board will inform them that it stands ready to send them back if they wish to go."

The Russians will be allowed to occupy their present quarters for a short time, and will be supported while they hunt for jobs, or for lawyers, or for whatever they want to hustle for. But the free board and lodging grant will end with April 3, when the Tenyo Maru is due to leave for the Orient. On that boat the Russians can go back at public expense if they are not disposed to go to work on terms obtainable here. If they don't either go to work or accept the opportunity to go back, there are the "vag" laws and the federal deportation law to take care of them.

The Russians due here today are the last that will come unless there is a better understanding. All others who had been enlisted have been stopped by cable, and Jack Atkinson has ceased all activities, in accordance with cabled instructions. Perelstros will be called before the board of immigration at once and questioned as to promises made, and he will also probably visit the Russians and talk to them. Chairman Ivers said yesterday that the matter of promises made to the immigrants by Atkinson and himself would of course be taken up with Perelstros. "We shall find out if promises were made to these immigrants in excess of the offers of employment now made here," said Mr. Ivers, adding that he didn't think any such promises had been made.

NEW RAILROAD MAKING HILO MEN SUBURBANITE

Plans for Homestead Associations Along the Line of the Hamakua Extension of the Hilo Railway.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, March 14.—An entirely new departure in homesteading has arisen here, and it is one that will and must continue to grow with the development of this side of the island. It is due to the extension of the Hilo Railroad along the Hamakua Coast.

Several bus, or homestead, associations, are talked of to take up land outside of Hilo. No land can be obtained near the town, so young men—both Hawaiians and Portuguese—all of whom are engaged in business here during the day, are forming associations to get land for homes along the line of railroad.

It is promised that trains will be running, at least five miles out, not later than July, and regularly as far as Puuwaia. One of these associations is composed of Hawaiians, all of whom

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ENTERTAIN THE NEW MINISTER TO CHINA



William J. Calhoun.

William James Calhoun, the new American minister to China, is due to arrive here on Monday on the Tenyo Maru, en route to Peking. Arrangements have been practically completed for his entertainment by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce at luncheon, at the Alexander Young Hotel. Mr. Calhoun was invited by the Commercial Club a month ago, when he was expected to sail, but since then it has been mutually agreed that the chamber of commerce should invite him, and the distinguished passenger will therefore probably meet Honoluluans at the Young under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Calhoun was one of Chicago's leading lawyers when he accepted President Taft's offer of the Peking diplomatic post. The position is regarded as one of the most important in the diplomatic service at this time, and Honolulu's guest of next Tuesday is going to take up one of the most conspicuous diplomatic posts in the world.

QUARANTINE POSSIBILITIES

May Be Necessary to Isolate Hawaii in Order to Satisfy San Francisco.

President E. A. Mott-Smith, of the board of health, yesterday said that the present health difficulties on the Island of Hawaii had been forecasted for many months by the finding of infected rats, and that considerable had already been done to mend conditions. As a result of the vigorous work here, Honolulu has not had even plague infected rats for about three years, and equally thorough work will now probably be done in Hamakua district.

Upon my visit last October to Hawaii," said Mott-Smith, "I urged upon the planting interests of the Hamakua and Hilo districts the necessity of better sanitation, not in Honolulu alone, but in every plantation in these districts. While in general my suggestions have met with support, in some instances there has been reluctance. My visit was occasioned by the finding of several infected rats in different localities in these districts and the occurrence of several sporadic cases. Up to that time no case had appeared for considerably over a year. Hence, it was felt that if a united effort were made the disease could be wiped out altogether. A great deal of work has been done, but it now appears that the campaign must be strengthened and carried on more vigorously. If that be done there is no doubt in my opinion that we may have the same success that we have heretofore had in other districts of the Islands of entirely disposing of the infection. We have not had this disease nor infected (Continued on page 8.)

IMMIGRATION BOARD MAY BE SUED

Rumor of Million-Dollar Action Against Territorial Labor Bureau.

LIGHTFOOT KNOWS NOTHING

Russians Ready to Institute Proceedings for Their Own Importation.

A suit for a sum in the neighborhood of a million dollars is to be brought by private parties against the Territorial Board of Immigration, according to a strong rumor that was current yesterday. The suit is to be for \$1,000 for each one of the Russian immigrants brought from Manchuria, and will be based on the ground that the importation of the Russians was a violation of the contract labor clause of the immigration laws.

The federal law provides that private parties who have reason to believe that the immigration laws have been violated may bring suit against the violators and that the penalty for violation, \$1,000 in each case, shall go to the informers. A suit along the same line was brought several years ago in the case of 110 Koreans who, it was claimed, had been brought into the country illegally. The instigators of that suit were J. A. Mathewman, now circuit judge on Hawaii; C. R. Hemenway and Wade Warren Thayer. For some reason the suits in the case of the Koreans were discontinued. But the suit in the case of the Russians, if it is brought, will be for a much larger sum, as 700 or 800 Russians have been imported and more are on the way to Hawaii.

A very peculiar feature of the present case, according to the rumor, is that the Russians themselves are to bring suit against the board of immigration for having imported them as (Continued on page 8.)

BARKEEPS WERE ALL INNOCENT

Each One Admitted It, but Booze Commissioners Looked Doubtful.

Half a dozen anxious but absolutely innocent saloonkeepers were upon the carpet before the liquor license commissioners yesterday afternoon. It was apparent that they were anxious, and they must have been innocent, for they admitted themselves that they were.

The first man called up was the proprietor of the Old Corner saloon, who was charged by the inspector with having, on February 24, permitted a drunk to fall asleep in a chair, and also, with having sold a bottle of gin to an intoxicated man.

Proprietor Day explained that the sleeper had only just reclined in the arms of Morpheus—or was it Bacchus—when Fennell entered the door and saw him. He himself was just going to oust the weary one. As to the bottle of gin, he said that to the second mate of the Marion Chilcott who was going to call on a friend and wanted to take his welcome with him. The mate might not have been entirely sober, but he certainly wasn't drunk. If he happened to trip over something on the street and give the impression of staggering, that was not the fault of the barkeeper. The barkeeper was not responsible for the actions of his patrons on the street. Anyway, he said, Fennell first took the booze away from the sailor but later returned it and let him go.

No Lodgers Wanted.

The second victim was Barkeeper Weedy of the Mint saloon, who was accused of having let a weary drinker slumber in the rear of the saloon. Weedy explained that this was only about fifteen minutes after he went on watch and he had no idea there was anybody back there. The man must have come in just before the saloon watch changed and so neither barkeeper knew he was there. Assuredly they would not have permitted him to turn the saloon into a lodging house if they had known of it.

Manager Lewis of Lovejoy's & Co., who is the proprietor of the saloon, added that he had given his employee strict orders to comply with the requirements of the law.

Two Exhibits Shown.

The two proprietors of the Germania saloon, in Hakulo, came next. They were accused of having sold booze to (Continued on page 8.)

BATTLE IN CONGRESS THAT LASTS ALL NIGHT

NOTED VISITOR ON WILHELMINA TODAY

Walter C. Witherbee of Port Henry, New York, where his family for generations have had large iron interests, is a passenger on the Wilhelmina, due to arrive today from San Francisco. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter. They plan to remain here about a week, returning to the Coast on the same vessel.

Mr. Witherbee is an enthusiastic Yale man. He was a classmate and the intimate friend of Henry Taft, younger brother of President Taft. Witherbee and Henry Taft were chums. They were together recently in Los Angeles where Mr. Taft was seriously ill, and for a time it was thought that his president brother would go to his bedside. Henry Taft intended coming to Honolulu, but his illness compelled a change of plans.

Mr. Witherbee is also a classmate of Rev. Doremus Sessler of Central Union church.

MANY BOOKINGS.

The new booking fee system inaugurated by the Matson steamship company local agency reaped a golden harvest yesterday, about \$300 in fees being taken in. These fees apply on tickets when the persons booked pay over the fare for same.

CHINESE PRINCE COMING HERE

Governor Frear Advised by Cable of Approach of Distinguished Visitor.

Honolulu is soon to have an opportunity to entertain another member of an imperial oriental family. Prince Tsai Tao of China is due to arrive here next month, en route to the mainland, where he is to study military affairs. He is a commissioner of the Chinese government to inspect the American military system, and will be afforded every courtesy. Governor Frear has been notified by cable of the expected visit, the department of state having requested, through the interior department, that the Prince be suitably entertained here.

Governor Frear will arrange to see that the Chinese Prince is received at the wharf and given proper honors during his stay in port. His visit to the mainland is on a mission on which China is sending representatives to many lands—the study of modern military methods.

JAPAN MAKES ANOTHER MOVE.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—It is reported that most important negotiations between the United States and Japan are about to take formal shape and set at rest the problems of the open door in China, as well as other points of difference between the leaders of the Orient and America.

It is anticipated that Japan will soon submit formal proposals to the secretary of state outlining an agreement between Japan and the United States under which the two countries will guarantee the open door in China and dominate the Orient.

TAFT ON NEWSPAPERS.

CHICAGO, March 17.—President Taft devoted himself to certain newspapers of the country in his address delivered here today. The President spoke of the newspapers that misrepresent facts concerning public affairs and scored them in vigorous terms. He admitted that there are newspapers that do not misrepresent facts.

ARMSTRONG RECEIVES AWARD OF GOLD MEDAL

Manufacturer Gets Recognition at the Hands of Seattle Fair Officials.

Among the smaller manufacturers to receive recognition at the hands of the award committee at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is J. C. L. Armstrong of No. 1130 Union street. Mr. Armstrong exhibited a beautiful lion chair, and yesterday he received the following letter:

"Mr. J. Armstrong, Honolulu—Dear Sir: At the request of Mr. Henry E. Bosch, director of the exhibits and privileges of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, I am sending you the gold medal awarded your exhibit at Seattle. Please acknowledge receipt and oblige. Yours very truly,

H. P. WOOD, Secretary Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition."

Rebels Against Cannon Cause All Night Debate.

Regular Republicans Beaten and Fighting for Time at 2:30 This Morning—Washington Excited.

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2:30 a. m.—Congress is still in session, after a wild night of political battle, in which the Republican insurgents and the Democrats repeatedly defeated the Cannon "regular" Republican forces.

At 2:30 this morning, in an effort to gain time, the Republicans moved an adjournment. It was their third effort to adjourn, and it was defeated by a vote of 134 to 135, amid wild excitement. Hurry up calls had been sent by wire to New York and Philadelphia to get absent members into the chamber, and the debate continues at this hour, 2:30 a. m., with Republicans sending messages in every direction to get together enough regulars to at least force an adjournment.

The debate was precipitated over a trivial matter, but it served to cause an outbreak of the anti-Cannon sentiment and bring on a sensational debate. The battle against the house rules was the fiercest ever waged, on the subject. Party lines were completely obliterated in the discussion of the rules of the house which the Democrats and the insurgents claim give the speaker undue power.

For eleven hours a debate raged which will be historic, and as it drew to a close the regular Republicans were found filibustering, being unable to carry their side in a vote. They attempted to adjourn repeatedly, but the insurgents and Democrats were in a majority and insisted on forcing the issue.

During the day session the insurgents and Democrats twice defeated the regular Republicans. The taste of blood seemed to infuriate the anti-Cannon forces, there was an unexpected concerted movement against Speaker Cannon. The best orators on all sides spoke in a fierce debate over house rules.

Speaker Cannon left the chair and took the floor in defense of his own actions.

News of the great political battle spread about the city, and the galleries of congress were quickly jammed with spectators, who are still watching the proceedings at 2:30 this morning.

At this time the Cannonites are fighting only for time. Their efforts to cause an adjournment having failed, they are seeking to delay matters until they can call in more regulars who are absent. Automobiles are busy seeking absent regulars, and the party leaders think they can save the day for Cannon if they can delay a vote long enough to bring in absent regular Republicans.

There is a motion before the house to appoint an entirely new committee on rules, and deprive the Speaker of power to appoint committees.

SOMEONE STOLE THE IRISH SOD

Taft Plan to Speak From the "Auld Sod" Frustrated in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 18.—A piece of Irish soil, imported for the purpose of yesterday's St. Patrick's Day celebration, was stolen and could not be used in the ceremonies as planned. President Taft was to have stood on the imported Irish soil in making his address to a gathering of Hibernians, but when the meeting time came the soil could not be found. Someone had stolen it, and so the President was not able to stand on Irish soil while he talked on Ireland's day. The theft of the "auld sod," which had been specially imported for the occasion, is a mystery.

LANGFORD WON IN EIGHTH.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—

Langford won from Flynn in the eighth round. Flynn made a vicious swing at Langford and missed connection, falling heavily on his face, in which position he lay unconscious for over five minutes.

ROOSEVELTS HUNTING TRIP IS ALL OVER

KHARTOUM, March 18.—President Roosevelt and family left today for Cairo, the ex-President giving his final farewell to his African hunting trip. There were very affecting farewells between Roosevelt and those who have been his companions during the many months of his trip. Colonel Roosevelt and family are now on their way home, to call at several European capitals en route, where great reception await the ex-President.

STANDARD OIL PROFITS.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A statement of the condition of the American Sugar Refining Company, made public today, shows profits of \$10,823,869. Penalties on suits brought by the United States government, \$4,125,486, with dividends and deductions, left a reserve deficit of \$1,395,850. Total surplus, \$21,301,875.

RAPID TRANSIT TO THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

Line to Be Extended, if Nuuanu Avenue Is Widened—The Waialae Ten-Minute Service.

The Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, at a meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon, decided to lengthen the Nuuanu line so that its terminus will be about opposite the country club road. In order to meet the new distance a switch will be installed about opposite the present terminus at the Mausoleum.

The extension of this line, however, depends largely upon the action of property holders beyond the present terminus in widening the road in certain parts and straightening out some of the projections. The Honolulu Rapid Transit Company is willing to extend the line at any time the property owners have their part of the program fulfilled.

The company also voted to give Wa-

also a ten-minute service at the earliest possible moment, the ten-minute service to be put in operation during the rush hours of morning and later afternoon. The company will go right ahead and put in the necessary switches.

There was also some talk of double tracking on King street beyond even the present plans, which involve King street between Punchbowl street and the Palms fire station. The company feels that the traffic has become so large that the double tracking will be necessary to insure the best of service. As to the extension to Pearl Harbor that matter is held up pending a decision from Washington concerning certain rights of way. As soon as this is settled the company will commence work on the extension as most of the materials for the same have been accumulated here.